

REMARKS

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to an outstanding Office Action (Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment) dated November 15, 2005, the shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 15, 2005. Accordingly, no extension of time is believed due. In the event that the Commissioner determines that an extension of time is required or a fee due, the undersigned hereby petitions for any required extension of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge any required fee to the Milbank Deposit account 13-3250. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 18-23 are now pending in the application. Claims 18, 19, 22 and 23 are independent claims.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's citation of statutory authority as a basis for claim rejections.

In the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, the Examiner states that newly submitted claims 18-23 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally presented claims recited a management apparatus for managing a device. Subsequently, applicant cancels all claims directed toward this invention to shift the scope of the invention toward a separate and distinct device of a user communication apparatus and service device communicating for communication over a network.

Applicant has amended claim 18 to more clearly recite that claims are directed to a management system which includes a management service providing apparatus, which is capable of communicating with a user communication apparatus via a network. In this connection, applicant has also amended claim 18 to change "user apparatus" to user

communication apparatus and change "service providing apparatus" to management service providing apparatus.

A "service providing apparatus" and "user apparatus" recited in the claims 18-23 correspond to "management apparatus" and "user side apparatus" recited in the original claims, respectively. Claim 18 has been formulated to specifically recite the feature of the user side apparatus to clearly define a signal to be received by the management apparatus, while the original claim 1, for example, recites receiving means of the management apparatus to define such a signal as a signal received from the user side apparatus. In view of this, applicant believes that amended claims 18-23 do not shift the scope toward a distinct invention.

Claims 19-23 are directed to the user side communication apparatus, which is capable of communicating with the management service providing apparatus (external apparatus).

II. Request for Reconsideration

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejection and allowance is requested. If a conference would assist in placing this application in better condition for allowance, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call at the number indicated.

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